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assumption that the defendant is guilty, it's knowing tampering with or interfering with or connecting any cables, wires, converters, et cetera, but then when you talk about wires, pipes and conduits, and reconnections as far as electricity is concerned, the burden is shifted. I have a hard time seeing how there's really any difference in the difficulty of proof as between those two sections. In one, you're shifting the burden to the defendant to show that they're not guilty. In the other, you're still requiring the county attorney to prove...to prove guilt. Shouldn't we either...shouldn't we have it one way or the other in those two similar provisions?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, I'm not sure. I guess I want to think about that just a bit and I'll get back on and try to answer you on that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: Electricity and gas are certainly very dangerous to mess with, probably more risk to the people that mess with it than a cable, for example, but I'll put my light on and try to continue, using some of my time to try to explain that better to you, if I can.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you may continue.

SENATOR BROMM: I'll waive off.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm waives the opportunity. There are no further lights on, Senator Bromm. Senator Beutler, you may...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, let me, while you're thinking about that, let me ask...let me just ask you another question as I'm trying to understand this amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: I think I've got some answer for you...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BROMM: ...if I could.